THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) According to the information available so far, the hijackers of IC-814 have been identified as under:—

1. Ibrahim Athaar @ Chief
2. Shahid Akhtar Sayed @ Doctor
3. Sunny Ahmed Qazi @ Burgar
4. Mistri Zahoor Ibrahim @ Bhola
5. Shaquir @ Shankar

All of them are Pakistani nationals.

(b) Government have raised the matter with the Government of Pakistan and have provided evidence of the involvement of their nationals in the hijacking. The Government of Pakistan was remainded that as a signatory of several International Conventions against Terrorism, the Simla Agreement of 1972 and the Lahore Declaration, it had an obligation to take the hijackers into custody and to extradite them to India.

(c) The Government of Pakistan, in its response, has reiterated its general position that it would undertake to apprehend and prosecute any person or persons found on its territory or the territory of Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir, who may be suspected of having committed offences related to hijacking. As they have at the same time rejected our demarche, Pakistan's general commitment has to be assessed accordingly.

Kashmiri Migrants

†1407. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kashmiri people who have settled in Delhi

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and cities around it after migrating from Kashmir which is affected by terrorism;

(b) whether these people have held demonstration a number of times for their rehabilitation;

(c) whether Government have taken any concrete steps for their rehabilitation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the difficulties being faced by Government in their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per available information, 19338 and 29074 Kashmiri migrant families are living in Delhi and Jammu respectively. In addition, 2710 families are living in other parts of the country;

(b) to (e) The policy of the Government is to minimise the hardships of the migrants temporarily staying in camps outside the State and to create conditions conducive for their early return to the Valley. Keeping in view the problems of the migrants, financial assistance is provided. Apart from cash relief and dry ration, temporary accommodation is being provided to the needy migrants. Government of J and K has extended the benefits of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojna (PMRY) and State Self-Employment Scheme to the migrants living in J and K. The Government of India have also requested other States to extend similar benefits to the migrants staying in their States.

The Government of J and K has informed that the return of the migrants is on top of their agenda and they are contemplating an action plan for the early and safe return of the migrants to the Valley.